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SOCIAL IMPACT OF PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has imposed any condition to assess the social impact of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and consult with the locals before proceedings with its imple- mentation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the social and environment management framework, agreed for PMGSY, requires a monthly report from the State Governments as a mechanism for systematic/ regular review, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State Governments which still have to adhere to guidelines on social and environmental safeguards; and

(d) the detailed guidelines/instructions issued by the Union Government to ensure all significant environmental and social safeguard issues given due consideration by all the State Governments during the project implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

a): The World Bank supported Rural Roads Projects-II (RRP-II), PMGSY requires the frame- work for social and environmental management to be followed. The "Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF)" consists of Planning & Community Participation Codes which involve Transect Walk along the proposed alignment of the road, Consultation of Key stake- holders and the local community at the time of preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). PMGSY Programme Guidelines also provide that as part of PMGSY planning process a simple non-formal "Transect Walk" would be organized at the time of preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). The Panchayat Pradhan, local Patwari, women office bearers of PRIs, members of women SHGs, the field engineers are to participate in the transect walk. Forest Department officials would be included where forest land is likely to be involved. This transect walk would fix the alignment of the road and would also indicate whether any private land, forest land is involved in the said alignment.

b) &(c): Reporting and documentation is required by World Bank supported RRP-II under PMGSY on environment and social aspects. Review Meetings are held regularly with the States to discuss and address issues brought out in these reports.

d): Environmental Codes of Practice (ECoPs) have been revised/updated in January 2014 by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) and shared with all States for addressing key environment and social issues/concerns of PMGSY. Further, guidance notes have also been shared with States to help them to integrate the Environmental and Social Management Measures in DPRs of PMGSY roads.